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Resolution
Reference. ----

The Board submits to Government the accompanying notes of the inspection made by the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement of the relief work in the Bellary taluk of the Bellary district.

(True Extract)

W Scott Brown
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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Superintending Engineer, Madras Circle.
,, Collector of Bellary.
,, Executive Engineer, Bellary.
} With notes of inspection.

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Bellary district - Inspection notes - Kolur Relief work.

About five miles of road have been repaired since my last inspection in January. In spite of the fact that almost all the spreading and consolidation work was done in the hot weather it is generally satisfactory. In one or two places it appeared that sufficient water had not been used. It is of course impossible to keep special gangs indefinitely on the repair of this piece of road, but the District Board President might be advised to employ one or two mile coolies to attend to patch work repairs this would considerably extend the life of the road and be a most economical measure.

2. The total numbers at work on the date of my inspection were 1856; there were 26 gangs and 1 weakly gang. There are two workagents on this work. As the Public Works Subdivisional Officer has been able to spend a good deal of his time on the work the necessity for two work agents is not apparent.

3. The general physical condition of the workers and dependants was satisfactory. The classification of the dependants was by no means accurate. A large number of children under 12 years of age had been classified in class V(a).

4. On the whole discipline and organisation were satisfactory.

Loans work.

5. The loans work in this district calls for special notice. A Tahsildar was on special duty on loans work in Bellary taluk for 6 months from January and during that period about 4½ lakhs of loans were disbursed. There can be no doubt that this vigorous takkavi campaign has greatly helped to keep down the numbers on famine relief.

6. I examined a large number of loan records at random with a view to seeing (1) whether the reasons for rejection were sufficient and (2) whether sufficient care had been take to see that the security offered was adequate. considering

Considering the large amount of loans that have been granted in Bellary district in recent years it is of the utmost importance that all officers making enquiries or granting loans should see that the security offered is sufficient. In most of the cases I saw the reasons for rejection were proper. In No.606/1333 (Agriculturists' Loans Act) which was rejected on the ground that the applicant was not solvent, the Revenue Inspector's report does not give the value of the land nor the amount of the mortgage on the land. In most cases in valuing the land the Tahsildar and Revenue Inspectors have committed the almost universal mistake of merely stating their opinions instead of giving definite facts. Remarks such as "on inspection and after local enquiry the lands may be estimat at Rs. .... per acre" or "The lands are valued at Rs and the estimate is reasonable" are to be found throughout these loan records and obviously contain no data on which the officer passing orders can come to a decision.

7. The inspection of loan works in the district generally has been too much neglected, and it would be a good thing if Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars would follow the excellent example that the Collector has set ~~at~~ this matter.

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